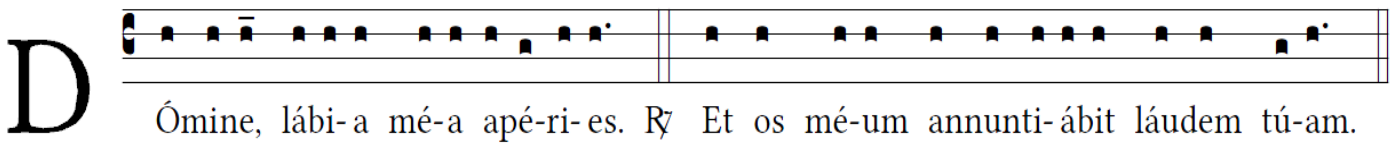
Solemn Lauds

Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Opening Prayer

make the Sign of the Cross on your lips



Lord, + open my lips. *And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Invitatory Psalm

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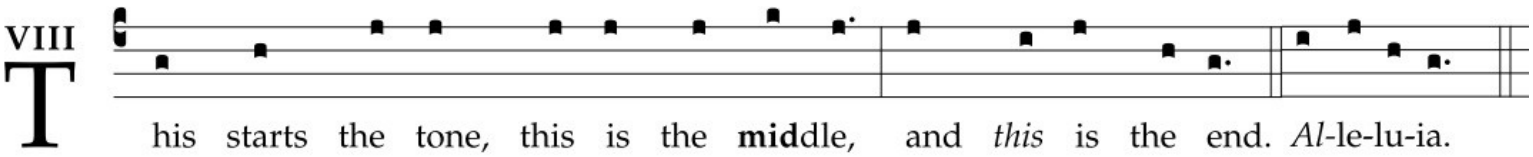


Psalm 95
A call to praise God
Encourage each other daily while it is still today (Hebrews 3:13)

Cantor — Come let us worship **our** God * as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Martin.

East Choir
Come, let us ring out our joy to **the** LORD; *
hail the *rock* who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, gi**ving** thanks; *
let us hail him with *a* song of praise.
Come let us worship **our** God * as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Martin.

West Choir
A mighty God is **the** LORD, *
a great king *a*bove all gods.
In his hands are the depths of **the** earth; *
the heights of the *moun*tains are his.
To him belongs the sea, for he **made** it, *
and the dry land that he *shaped* by his hands.
Come let us worship **our** God * as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Martin.

East Choir
O come; let us bow and **bend** low. *
Let us kneel before the *God* who made us,
for he is our God **and** we *
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is *led* by his hand.
Come let us worship **our** God * as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Martin.

West Choir
O that today you would listen to **his** voice! *
"Harden not your hearts as *at* Meribah,

as on that day at Massah in the **de**sert *
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though *they* saw my work.
Come let us worship **our** God * as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Martin.

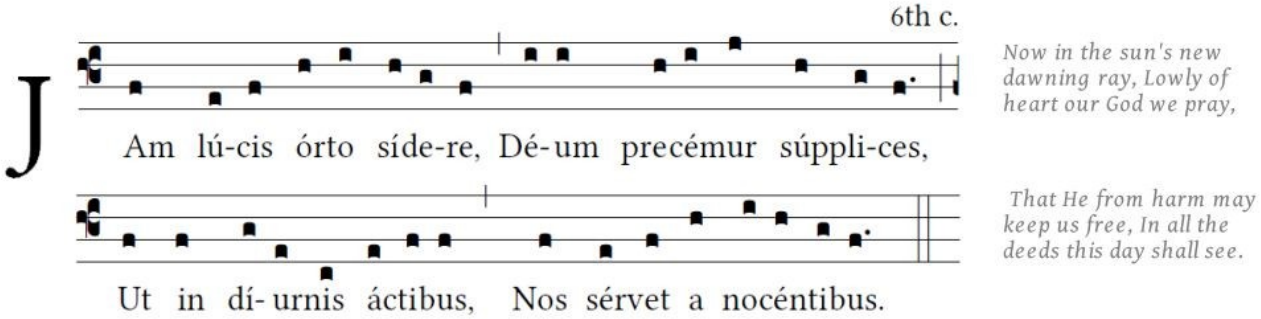
East Choir — For forty years I wearied of that gener**a**tion, *
and I said, 'Their *hearts* are astray;
this people does not know **my** ways.' *
Then I took an oath in my anger,
'Never shall they *en*ter my rest.'"

Full Choir — Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. *
profound bow — As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world with*out* end. Amen. *Al*leluia.

Full Choir — Come let us worship **our** God * as we celebrate the feast *of* Saint Martin.

Hymn

Jam lúcis orto sídere



Now in the sun's new dawning ray, Lowly of heart our God we pray,

That He from harm may keep us free, In all the deeds this day shall see.

Linguam refrenans témperet, ne litis horror insonet, visum fovendo contegat, ne vanitates hauriat.	*May fear of Him our tongues restrain, Lest strife unguarded speech should stain: His fav'ring care our guardian be, Lest our eyes feed on vanity.*
Sint pura cordis intima, absistat et vecordia: carnis terat superbiam, potus cibique parcitas.	*May ev'ry heart be pure from sin, And folly find no place therein: Scant need of food, excess denied, Wear down in us the body's pride*
Ut cum dies abscesserit, noctemque sors reduxerit, mundi per abstinentiam, ipsi canamus gloriam.	*That when the light of day is gone, And night in course shall follow on, We, free from cares the world affords, May chant the praises of our Lord's.*
Deo Patri sit gloria, eiusque soli Filio, cum Spiritu Paraclito, nunc et per omne saeculum.	*All laud to God the Father be, All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy Paraclete.*
Amen.	*Amen.*

Psalmody

Psalm 63:2-9

A soul thirsting for God

Whoever has left the darkness of sin, yearns for God.

Cantor — Martin, priest **of** God, * the kingdom of my heavenly Father lies o*pen* before you.

East Choir O God, you are my God; at dawn I **seek** you; *
for you my *soul* is thirsting.
For you my flesh is **pin**ing, *
like a dry, weary land *with*out water.
I have come before you in the sanctu**ar**y, *
to behold your strength *and* your glory.

West Choir Your loving mercy is better **than** life; *
my lips *will* speak your praise.
I will bless you all **my** life; *
in your name I will *lift* up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a **ban**quet; *
with joyful lips, my *mouth* shall praise you.

East Choir When I remember you upon **my** bed, *
I muse on you through the wat*ches* of the night.
For you have been **my** strength; *
in the shadow of your *wings* I rejoice.
My soul clings fast **to** you; *
your right *hand* upholds me.

Full Choir Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. *
profound bow As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world with*out* end. Amen.

Full Choir Martin, priest **of** God, * the kingdom of my heavenly Father lies o*pen* before you.

Daniel 3:57-88,56

Let all creatures praise the Lord

All you servants of the Lord, sing praise to him (Revelation 19:5)

Cantor With hands and eyes raised up to **hea**ven, Martin never ceased praying, *al*leluia.

Full Choir Bless the Lord, all you works of **the** Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above *all* forever.

East Choir Angels of the Lord, bless **the** Lord. *
West Choir You hea*vens*, bless the Lord.
East Choir All you waters above the heavens, bless **the** Lord. *
West Choir All you hosts of the *Lord*, bless the Lord.
&c. Sun and moon, bless **the** Lord. *
Stars of hea*ven*, bless the Lord.
Every shower and dew, bless **the** Lord. *
All of you *winds*, bless the Lord.
Fire and heat, bless **the** Lord. *
Cold and *chill,* bless the Lord.
Dew and rain, bless **the** Lord. *
Frost and *chill*, bless **the** Lord.
Ice and snow, bless **the** Lord. *
Nights and *days*, bless the Lord.
Lights and darkness, bless **the** Lord. *
Lightnings and *clouds*, bless the Lord.

Full Choir Let the earth bless **the** Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above *all* forever.

East Choir Mountains and hills, bless **the** Lord. *
West Choir Everything growing from the *earth*, bless the Lord.
East Choir You springs, bless **the** Lord. *
West Choir Seas and ri*vers*, bless the Lord.
&c. You dolphins and all water creatures, bless **the** Lord. *
All you birds of the *air*, bless the Lord.
All you beasts, wild and tame, bless **the** Lord. *
You sons of *men*, bless the Lord.

Full Choir O Israel, bless **the** Lord. *
Praise and exalt him above *all* forever.

East Choir Priests of the Lord, bless **the** Lord. *
West Choir Servants of the *Lord*, bless the Lord.
&c. Spirits and souls of the just, bless **the** Lord. *
Holy men of humble *heart*, bless the Lord.

Full Choir Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael, bless **the** Lord.
Praise and exalt him above *all* forever.
profound bow Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy **Spi**rit. *
Let us praise and exalt him above *all* forever.
Blessed are you, Lord, in the firmament of **hea**ven. *
Praiseworthy and glorious and exalted above *all* forever.

Full Choir With hands and eyes raised up to **hea**ven, Martin never ceased praying, *al*leluia.

Psalm 149

The joy of God's holy people

Let the sons of the Church, the children of the new people, rejoice in Christ, their King (Hesychius).

Cantor Filled with joy, Martin was welcomed *by* Abraham.
Martin left this life a poor and low**ly** man * and entered heaven rich in God's favor, *al*leluia.

East Choir Sing a new song to **the** LORD, *
his praise in the assembly *of* the faithful.
Let Israel rejoice in its **Ma**ker; *
let Sion's children ex*ult* in their king.
Let them praise his name with **dan**cing, *
and make music with *tim*brel and harp.

West Choir For the LORD takes delight in his **peo**ple; *
he crowns the poor *with* salvation.
Let the faithful exult in **glo**ry, *
and rejoice as *they* take their rest.
Let the praise of God be in **their** mouths *
and a two-edged *sword* in their hand,

East Choir To deal out vengeance to the **na**tions *
and punishment u*pon* the peoples;
to bind their kings **in** chains *
and their nobles in fet*ters* of iron;

to carry out the judgment **de**creed. *
This is an honor for *all* his faithful.

Full Choir — Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. *
profound bow — As it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be world with*out* end. Amen.

Full Choir — Filled with joy, Martin was welcomed *by* Abraham.
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Reading

Hebrews 13:7-8

Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you; consider how their lives ended, and imitate their faith.
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

(silent reflection)

Responsory

Cantor — On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.
Full Choir — On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.
Cantor — Day or night, they will not cease to proclaim the name of the Lord.
Full Choir — I have set my watchmen to guard you.
Cantor — Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Full Choir — On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.

Benedictus

Luke 1:68-79

Cantor — How happy is that man whose soul *gains* paradise!
Angels rejoice, archangels sing praise, the company of virgins wel**comes** him, *
choirs of saints call out to him: Stay with *us* forever.

make the Sign of the Cross

East Choir — Blessed be the Lord, the God of Is**ra**el; *
he has come to his people *and* set them free.

West Choir — He has raised up for us a mighty **sa**vior, *
born of the house of his *ser*vant David.

East Choir — Through his holy prophets he promised **of** old *
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of *all* who hate us.

West Choir — He promised to show mercy to our **fa**thers, *
and to remember his ho*ly* covenant.

East Choir — This was the oath he swore to our father Ab**ra**ham: *
to set us free from the hands of *our* enemies,
free to worship him with**out** fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the *days* of our life.

West Choir — You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the **Most** High; *
for you will go before the Lord to *pre*pare his way,
to give his people knowledge of sal**va**tion *
by the forgive*ness* of their sins.

East Choir — In the tender compassion of **our** God *
the dawn from on high shall *break* upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow **of** death, *
and to guide our feet into *the* way of peace.

Full Choir — Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy **Spi**rit. *
profound bow — As it was in the beginning is now,
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Intercessions

Lector — Christ is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. Let us praise and thank Him as we pray:
Full Choir — *Nourish your people, Lord.*
Lector — Christ, you decided to show your merciful love through your holy shepherds. Let your mercy always reach us through them.
Full Choir — *Nourish your people, Lord.*
Lector — Through your vicars you continue to perform the ministry of shepherd of souls. Direct us always through our leaders.
Full Choir — *Nourish your people, Lord.*
Lector — Through your holy ones, the leaders of your people, you served as physician of our bodies and our spirits. Continue to fulfill your ministry of life and holiness in us.
Full Choir — *Nourish your people, Lord.*
Lector — You taught your flock through the prudence and love of your saints. Grant us continual growth in holiness under the direction of our pastors.
Full Choir — *Nourish your people, Lord.*

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray. At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: Our Father...

Prayer

Father, by his life and death Martin of Tours offered you worship and praise. Renew in our hearts the power of your love, so that neither death nor life may separate us from you. Grant this...

O God, who are glorified in the Bishop Saint Martin both by his life and death, make new, we pray, the wonders of your grace in our hearts, that neither death nor life may separate us from your love. Through our Lord...

Blessing

May the Lord bless + us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.